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Applicant:	Klaus Bruchmann	)	) PATENT APPLICATION ) Attorney Docket: BRU6144P0050US
Serial No.:	10/031,831	)	
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PROT	TIPOLAR CIRCUIT- TECTION ASSEMBLY FOR LLECTOR RAIL SYSTEM	)	Confirmation No. 5767
Examiner:	Kyung S. Lee	)	

## COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner's Statement regarding his reasons for allowance of the above-captioned application employs language which is apparently unduly limiting and which is apparently inadvertently not consonant with the allowed claim language. In particular, the Examiner refers to an "operating rod" and to "claimed limitations of claim 1." The allowed independent claim 1

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(the only independent claim that has been allowed) refers to an "operating arrangement," not to a specific "rod."

Respectfully submitted,

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